

Hampton CITY PAGE

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Hampton's Sister City Program

Why should cities be involved in the Sister City Program?

Sister Cities International (SCI) was established to:

- Create and strengthen partnerships between U.S. and International communities
- Increase global cooperation at the municipal level
- Promote cultural understanding
- Stimulate economic development



These relationships also help us better understand our own strengths and weakness.

What have been the specific benefits of our relationship with our sister cities culturally and economically?

Anyang, Korea

The City of Hampton and Anyang, Korea have been exchanging information and visiting with one another since the 1980's. These visits have increased in recent years; 4 exchanges since 1999.



In 2000, the cities agreed to exchange executives for one year. The purpose of the exchange is to provide our staffs with growth opportunities and to learn more about how each other operates. Each year Anyang has sent staff to Hampton and the executives work in several of our departments learning administration systems, education, culture, as well as economic development. This project has extended our contacts with persons requesting Korean business interests in the United States and provided potential investment opportunities to local businesses.

The Anyang Arts Group visited Hampton and performed traditional Korean dances, and displayed Korean doll-making art in the lobby of the Hampton Visitor Center, thus exposing Hampton citizens to the culture of Anyang. In addition, the mayor of Anyang visited with a delegation of Korean business leaders and government officials during this same period.

A delegation of city leaders and a recognized Korean business owner in the community visited Anyang for their 30th Anniversary of the City Promotion of Anyang. The delegation celebrated with six hundred thousand Anyang citizens. The festival was decorated with various traditional and attractive entertainments, games, concerts, and food for a week-long celebration.

The relationship with Anyang is one of honor, friendship and goodwill relations amongst the two cities.

Pietermaritzburg-Msunduzi, South Africa

Since July 1997, the City of Hampton has provided technical assistance to Pietermaritzburg-Msunduzi through the International Resources Cities Program.

The partnership has focused on economic development, improved public service delivery and the extension of the democratic process. Significant advancements have been made by the Pietermaritzburg-Msunduzi local government and community. Hampton has also benefited from the expanded global view and new program modifications based on the lessons learned from this partnership.

International Resource Cities technical assistance partnership has been successfully completed. The two cities established a sister city relationship in 2000 to continue the mutually beneficial exchange.

Vendome, France

Vendome is located in the Loire Valley along the Loire River. Vendome is a small community with a population of approximately 20,000. It shares many of Hampton's economic goals including creating industrial park space and recruiting high-tech business to the community.

Hampton's relationship with Vendome dates back to 1975 when then Mayor Ann Kilgore helped to establish student exchange and visitation programs between the two cities.

In 1985, Vendome brought a group of performers including stallions for a performance for Hampton 375th Anniversary.

In 1989, the Vendome Mayor Daniel Chanet brought a delegation to Hampton and the Virginia Peninsula. During this visit, Mayor Chanet proposed the formation of a formal sister-city relationship. Both communities saw this relationship as advantageous because of the common economic goals. A formal resolution was passed in 1992.

The City of Hampton has specific future plans to further develop our relationships with our established Sister City Program. Get involved by becoming a board or committee member.

For more information, please contact Pam Graham in the City Manager's Office at 727-6370.

Hampton Celebrates Senior Health & Fitness



On Wednesday, May 26, an estimated 150,000 older adults will participate in local fitness activities throughout the country as part of the 11th annual National Senior Health & Fitness Day® (NSHFD).

Hampton Parks and Recreation programs will kick off at 9:00 a.m. at various locations throughout the city, and will range from small group exercise demonstrations/participations at the senior center, to walking Buckroe and Grandview Beach to health fairs at Westhampton and Northampton Centers.

Programs include an exercise or physical activity component, as well as educational information about senior health and fitness.

For a complete listing of the days activities, or to register please call 727-1601.



What Businesses Do You Want in Hampton?

Coliseum Central would like to know your opinion on what businesses you would like to see in Hampton. Take a few minutes to visit their website at www.coliseumcentral.com and take the survey. Your input is important and will make a difference in what future businesses come to Hampton.

DID YOU KNOW...

that hurricane season begins on June 1. For information on hurricane preparedness visit www.hampton.gov/whats_hot.html and click on "Get Ready for 2004 Storm Season."



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May

COMMUNITY EVENTS

22-23 Outdoor Arts Festival

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
and Sunday, noon - 5:00 p.m.,
Charles H. Taylor Arts Center
Second annual outdoor arts festival featuring local and regional artists.

24 Hampton Live

11:30 a.m. on WLRT 1490 AM
This weekly talk show features events and programs in the City of Hampton. This week's topic focuses on healthy families and the free services and programs offered by the Healthy Family Partnership. You can tune in by radio or online at <http://racetalklive.com/home.dp>.

26 Hampton City Council Meeting

7:30 p.m., Council Chambers
(8th Floor, City Hall).
Also telecast on the City channel, TV-47.



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